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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 July 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-6,8,10,11,20-24,26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable by Patsiokas [US 2004/0266336] over Rindsberg [US 6,553,077].

Regarding claim 1,20,26 Patsiokas discloses a system and method of reception and playback of a broadcast signal. Patsiokas further discloses a method comprising:

- a computer(102 in Fig. 1) coupled to a display (100 in Fig. 1, and fig. 10 ,page 4, paragraph 46, page 16, paragraph 163 and page 17, paragraph 164) and having a graphical user interface (100 in Fig. 1, and fig. 10); see page 16, paragraph 163 and page 17, paragraph 164
- a radio receiver coupled to the computer for selectively receiving a plurality of channels and data associated with the plurality of channels; see 100 in Fig. 1 and page 4, paragraphs 43-47

Patsiokas, however, fails to disclose a method wherein the graphic user interface selectively displays at least a portion of the data associated with the plurality of channels and wherein the data associated with the plurality of channels is simultaneously updated.

Rindsberg, in the same field of endeavor, teaches a method and apparatus for customized selection of audio channels. Rindsberg further teaches a method wherein the graphic user

interface selectively displays at least a portion of the data associated with the plurality of channels and wherein the data associated with the plurality of channels is simultaneously updated. See fig. 6, col. 3, lines 41-48, col. 4, lines 1-10 and lines 49-61.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the above teachings of Rindsberg to Patsiokas in order to enable the selection of channels containing the most updated desired content.

Regarding claim 2, Patsiokas further discloses a system wherein the system further comprises at least one among a volume control, a tone control (see Fig. 10) and an output port on the radio receiver, wherein the output port can selectively stream data or audio or video from a selected channel among the plurality of channels. See page 4, paragraphs 43-48.

Regarding claim 3,21 Rindsberg teaches a method wherein the graphic user interface further comprises a program to selectively tag a desired type of content among the plurality of channels, analyze the data associated with the plurality of channels for an indication of content of the desired type among the plurality of channels, and alert a user of a desired channel containing the indication. See Fig. 8 and col. 5, lines 29-50.

Regarding claim 4,22 Rindsberg further discloses a method wherein the user is alerted by a pop-up window of the desired content on the desired channel. See col. 4, lines 33-48.

Regarding claim 5, Rindsberg teaches a method wherein updates for the data associated with the plurality of channels recur in rapid succession. See col. 5, lines 17-20 and col. 6, lines 27-38.

Regarding claim 6,24 Patsiokas further discloses a method wherein the graphical user interface enables the simultaneous viewing of at least two among a plurality of channel numbers, a plurality of artist names, a plurality of song titles, a plurality of channel names, a plurality of categories, and a plurality of use percentages. See page 5, paragraph 51.

Regarding claim 8, Patsiokas discloses a method wherein the data associated with the plurality of channels is extracted from a broadcast information channel received at the radio receiver as one of the plurality of channels. See page 5, paragraphs 51-52.

Regarding claim 10, Patsiokas discloses a method wherein the radio receiver is selected among a satellite digital audio receiver, a multi-channel digital FM receiver, and a multi-channel digital AM receiver. See page 1, paragraph 5.

Regarding claim 11, Patsiokas discloses a method wherein the system further comprises a global network connection. See Fig. 1 and Fig. 15.

Regarding claim 23, Rindsberg further teaches a method wherein the step of tagging further comprises the step of storing descriptors representative of the content on the selected channel in a memory. See col. 5, lines 6-10.

3. Claim 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable by Patsiokas [US 2004/0266336] and Rindsberg [US 6,553,077] in view of Titlebaum [US 6,549,774].

Regarding claim 7, Patsiokas and Rindsberg disclose all the limitations as claimed.

However, they do not disclose a method wherein the graphical user interface enables the viewing of signal strength of a signal received from at least one among a satellite signal and a terrestrial signal.

Titlebaum, in the same field of endeavor, teaches a method and apparatus for switching a satellite receiver between two operating modes. Titlebaum further teaches a method wherein the graphical user interface enables the viewing of signal strength of a signal received from at least one among a satellite signal and a terrestrial signal. See col. 4, lines 49-65.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the above teachings of Titlebaum to modified Patsiokas in order to let the user know if the desired satellite services are available in the particular geographical area.

4. Claim 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable by Patsiokas [US 2004/0266336] and Rindsberg [US 6,553,077] in view of Baldock [US 2002/0057367].

Regarding claim 9, Patsiokas as treated in claim 1 discloses all the limitations as claimed. However, he fails to disclose a method wherein the data associated with the plurality of channels is extracted from a plurality of tuners performing background scanning among the plurality of channels to create a broadcast information channel.

Baldock, in the same field of endeavor, teaches the use of a broadcast radio receiver.

Baldock further teaches a method wherein the receiver has plurality of tuners and the data associated with the plurality of channels is extracted from a plurality of tuners performing background scanning among the plurality of channels to create a broadcast information channel.

See page 1, paragraph 7, page 2, paragraph 19 and paragraphs 27-30.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the above teachings of Baldock to modified Patsiokas in order to allow the user to view/listen to one channel whilst using the receiver to record another channel for subsequent viewing/listening.

5. Claim 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable by Patsiokas [US 2004/0266336] in view of Baldock [US 2002/0057367].

Regarding claim 15, Patsiokas as treated in claim 13 discloses all the limitations as claimed. However, he fails to disclose a method wherein the data associated with the plurality of channels is extracted from a plurality of tuners performing background scanning among the plurality of channels to create a broadcast information channel.

Baldock, in the same field of endeavor, teaches the use of a broadcast radio receiver.

Baldock further teaches a method wherein the receiver has plurality of tuners and the data associated with the plurality of channels is extracted from a plurality of tuners performing background scanning among the plurality of channels to create a broadcast information channel.

See page 1, paragraph 7, page 2, paragraph 19 and paragraphs 27-30.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the above teachings of Baldock to Patsiokas in order to allow the user to view/listen to one channel whilst using the receiver to record another channel for subsequent viewing/listening.

6. Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable by Patsiokas [US 2004/0266336] in view of Titlebaum [US 6,549,774].

Regarding claim 19, Patsiokas disclose all the limitations as claimed. However, he does not disclose a method wherein the graphical user interface enables the viewing of signal strength of a signal received from at least one among a satellite signal and a terrestrial signal.

Titlebaum, in the same field of endeavor, teaches a method and apparatus for switching a satellite receiver between two operating modes. Titlebaum further teaches a method wherein the graphical user interface enables the viewing of signal strength of a signal received from at least one among a satellite signal and a terrestrial signal. See col. 4, lines 49-65.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the modified Patsiokas in order to let the user know if the desired satellite services are available in the particular geographical area.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

7. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

8. Claims 13,14,16-18,25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by

Patsiokas [US 2004/0266336].

Regarding claim 13,16,25 Patsiokas discloses a system and method of reception and playback of a broadcast signal. Patsiokas further discloses a method comprising:

- a radio receiver for receiving a plurality of channels and data associated with the plurality of channels over-the-air; see page 4, paragraphs 43,46,47
- a channel decoder coupled to the radio receiver; see page 12, paragraph 123; page 14, paragraphs 143, 145
- a port for transmitting data associated with the plurality of channels, transmitting an output signal representative of a selected channel among the plurality of channels, and for receiving control signals from a computer having a graphical user interface, wherein the graphic user interface selectively displays at least a portion of the data associated with the plurality of channels and user selectively controls the channel decoder by selecting the selected channel on the graphical user display. See page 16, paragraph 163 and page 17, paragraph 164.

Regarding claim 14, Patsiokas discloses a method wherein the data associated with the plurality of channels is extracted from a broadcast information channel received at the radio receiver as one of the plurality of channels. See page 5, paragraphs 51-52.

Regarding claim 17, Patsiokas further discloses a method wherein the graphical user interface enables the simultaneous viewing of at least two among a plurality of channel numbers, a plurality of artist names, a plurality of song titles, a plurality of channel names, a plurality of categories, and a plurality of use percentages. See page 5, paragraph 51.

Regarding claim 18, Patsiokas further discloses a method wherein the graphical user interface includes a plurality of selectable tabs to enable the viewing of a plurality of channels belonging to predetermined categories selected from the group of categories including all, music, news, talk, last 10, favorites, traffic, weather, video, rock, classical, jazz, kids, comedy, and user customizable. See page 4, paragraphs 43,47 and page 5, paragraph 51.

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Hilt [US 2003/0043184] Client-server bidirectional synchronization via browser plug-in for an XM radio system

Christensen [US 2002/0049037] System and method for ordering and delivering media content

Marko [US 6,510,317] Satellite digital audio radio service tuner architecture for reception of satellite and terrestrial signals

Patsiokas [US 7,010,263] System and method for distributing music and data

Parsons [US 7,020,217] Satellite digital audio radio receiver with instant replay capability

Routtenberg [US 2002/0049717] Digital content distribution system and method

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sujatha Sharma whose telephone number is 571-272-7886. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 7.30am - 4.00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew D. Anderson can be reached on 571-272-4177. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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